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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Project 125D; 35 mm Time Lapse Camera

1. Time and Place: February 25, 1959, [REDACTED]

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2. Attendance:

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3. Purpose: To review progress and discuss change of scope.

4. Discussion: The original contract dated 7 May 1956 set forth an agreement to build one (1) prototype 35 mm Time Lapse Camera.

During the interim of 7 May 1956 and this date, the requirements and advancement of the state of the art photographically and electronically made it mandatory that APD search and investigate various claims that the old concept of photography was about to undergo a revolutionary change. This change has taken place-- Optically, Lenses and Sensors; Chemically, new high speed films, and Electronically controlling the mechanical moving parts of the entire camera system. All these advancements are being incorporated into the Pulse Operated Cameras.

It is estimated that these cameras are at least ten years ahead of the state of the art as it now exists commercially.

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The present status of progress resulting from a change in scope is that the design is about 70% complete and the first new prototype may be ready for testing around the 15th of May 1959.

The testing time required by interested parties, changes if recommended thereto, will determine delivery schedule of remaining units. However, the power supply (battery) has not been firmed up at this time, the reason being that rapid advancement is being made by manufacturers of batteries. Battery design is being followed very closely by [redacted] in order to recommend the most desirable power source to operate these cameras.

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[redacted] has been granted the additional monies requested to complete contract and are performing satisfactorily.

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Distribution:

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